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YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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PENSION TO SPORTS PERSONS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to give pension to the sports persons who have won medals for the country in major international sports events;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of sports persons granted pensions under such scheme;

(d) whether there is any other welfare policy for the retired and serving players of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) & (b): There is already a scheme of Sports Fund for Pension to Meritorious S portspersons in existence since 1994. Under the Scheme, sportspersons, who have won Gold, Silver or Bronze medals in Olympic Games, World Cup/World Championships in Olympics and Asian Games disciplines, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and Para-Olympic Games and have attained the age of 30 years and retired from active sports are eligible for the pension at following rates:

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Sl.No. Category of meritorious sportspersons
     Rate of Pension
          (Rs./per month)



1. Medalists at the Olympic Games
      10000
2. Gold medalists at the World Cups/World Championships in
 Olympics and Asian Games disciplines.     8000
3. Silver and Bronze medalists of the World Cups/World Championships in
 Olympics and Asian Games disciplines     7000
4.
Gold medalists of the Asian/Commonwealth Games    7000
5. Silver and Bronze medalists of Asian/Commonwealth Games   6000
6. Gold medalists of Para - Olympic Games     5000
7 Silver medalists of Para-Olympic Games     4000
8. Bronze medalists of Para-Olympic Games     3000
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(c) At present, 525 sportspersons are getting pension under the Scheme.

(d) & (e): There is a Scheme of National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons, which has following objectives:

(i) to provide suitable assistance to outstanding sportspersons now living in indigent circumstances;

(ii) to provide suitable assistance to outstanding sportspersons injured during the period of their training for competitions and also during the competitions, depending on the nature of the injury;

(iii) to provide suitable assistance to outstanding sportspersons who brought glory to the country in international field and who are disabled as an after effect of their strenuous training or otherwise and to provide them assistance for medical treatment;

(iv) to administer and apply the funds of the Fund to promote the welfare of the sportspersons generally in order to alleviate distress among them and their dependents in indigent circumstances;